ICD-10 Informational Series, Part IV: Example of Coding Changes

As a result of feedback from MaineCare's Provider Readiness survey participants, we have developed an ICD-10 Informational Series for providers in order to share information and to direct you towards preparing for transitioning from ICD-9 to ICD-10.

The informational series will include the following parts or topics:

- Part I: Overview of Provider Survey Results
- Part II: MaineCare's Provider Outreach Plan
- Part III: ICD-10 Provider Impact
- Part IV: Example of Coding Changes
- Part V: Provider Preparation/Helpful Hints

Provider Readiness Survey results indicated that providers would benefit from understanding how ICD-10 is different from ICD-9. As a result, MaineCare would like to share the information below, which describes some of the changes in ICD-10. For more detailed information, please see the resources listed at the bottom of this message.

How are ICD-10 codes different from ICD-9 codes?

Longer codes: ICD-9 codes are 3-5 characters, while ICD-10 codes can be up to 7 characters.
- Providers need to make sure their systems, processes, and forms can accept the new, longer codes.

More granular: ICD-10 codes are far more granular than ICD-9 codes and provide much more specific information.
- The greater specificity of ICD-10 means that one ICD-9 code can be represented by multiple ICD-10 codes.
- Providers need to determine which ICD-10 codes to use in place of ICD-9 codes.

The following example shows how one ICD-9 code can be represented by multiple ICD-10 codes:

ICD-9 Code		ICD-10 Codes
996.71 Other complications due to heart valve prosthesis	→	T82.817A Embolism of cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
	→	T82.827A Fibrosis of cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
	→	T82.837A Hemorrhage of cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
	→	T82.847A Pain from cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has provided a tool, called General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs) that can assist providers with determining which ICD-10 codes to use. You can access GEMS on the CMS website.

For more information, go to MaineCare's ICD-10 webpage or CMS's ICD-10 Provider Resources' webpage. Please send questions about ICD-10 to MaineCare's ICD-10 email box